

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Kirk Wagoner, on February 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 356, 2/3/2017; HB 362, 2/3/2017; HB 364, 2/3/2017; SB 100,
2/8/2017

HEARING ON SB 100**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:19 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 100, Authorize direct primary care provider plans.
00:02:16 Rep. Lenz joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:40 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP);
Montana Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)
00:05:30 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity (AFP-MT)
00:14:23 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association
00:15:41 Kendall Cotton, Commissioner's Office of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:00 Rep. Welch
00:17:22 Sen. Smith
00:18:14 Rep. Sales
00:18:45 Sen. Smith
00:20:14 Rep. Karjala
00:20:50 Sen. Smith
00:22:01 Rep. Karjala
00:22:20 Sen. Smith
00:23:20 Rep. Karjala
00:23:46 Rep. Mandeville joined the meeting
00:23:53 Sen. Smith
00:25:50 Rep. Harris
00:26:30 Sen. Smith
00:27:22 Rep. Kelker
00:28:14 Sen. Smith
00:30:09 Rep. Kelker
00:30:40 Sen. Smith
00:33:32 Rep. Jacobson
00:33:49 Sen. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:17 Sen. Smith

HEARING ON HB 364**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:34 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 364, Revise service animal laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:12 Rep. Usher

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:53 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living

00:47:36 Margaret Duezabou, Self

00:51:22 Alicia Smith, Self; NAMI Montana

00:55:50 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

[EXHIBIT\(huh31a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:50 Rep. Ricci

00:59:01 Rep. Hill Smith joined the meeting

00:59:35 Alicia Smith, NAMI

00:59:42 Rep. Ricci

00:59:49 Alicia Smith, NAMI

01:01:34 Rep. Dunwell

01:02:09 Rep. Loge

01:03:10 Rep. Regier

01:03:40 Margaret Duezabou, Self

01:05:22 Rep. Karjala

01:05:54 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living

01:07:00 Rep. Karjala

01:07:12 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living

01:07:40 Rep. Karjala

01:08:00 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living

01:08:17 Rep. Jacobson

01:08:48 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, DRM

01:08:59 Rep. Jacobson

01:09:20 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, DRM

01:09:45 Rep. Jacobson

01:09:53 Bernadette

01:10:17 Rep. Jacobson

01:10:41 Rep. Loge

01:11:57 Rep. Jacobson

01:12:08 Rep. Loge

01:12:32 Rep. Mandeville

01:13:13 Rep. Usher

01:15:16 Rep. Sales

01:15:55 Alicia Smith, NAMI

01:16:36 Rep. Sales

01:16:53 Alicia Smith, NAMI

01:17:18 Rep. Sales
01:17:36 Alicia Smith, NAMI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:23 Rep. Loge
[EXHIBIT\(huh31a02\)](#)

01:19:19 Recess
01:23:33 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 362

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:50 Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 362, Fingerprint background checks for licensing under medical licensure compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:29 Ian Marquand, Montana Board of Medical Examiner; Dr. James Feist
01:27:51 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association
01:28:38 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
01:30:04 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:44 Rep. Hill Smith

01:31:00 Recess
03:10:31 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:10:37 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 356, Prohibit individual health insurance discrimination with some exceptions.

[EXHIBIT\(huh31a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:14:43 Jane Amdahl, AARP Montana
03:16:54 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
03:18:54 Jules Shindel, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

Opponents' Testimony:

03:21:57 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)
[EXHIBIT\(huh31a04\)](#)

03:24:15 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plan
03:25:37 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
03:27:58 Kendall Cotton, Commissioner's Office of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:29:35 Rep. Price
03:31:29 Chair Wagoner
03:31:50 Rep. Price
03:32:57 Rep. Karjala
03:33:24 Chair Wagoner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:33:55

Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh31aad.pdf](#))